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FIELD NOTES

JULY 15, 1964

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE JUNE 20:

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: SOME FISHERMEN ARE OUT, BUT THE WINDY DAYS KEEP THEM OFF THE WATER.

WARDEN OLIN JACKSON, SO. CHINA: THREE BEAVER COMPLAINTS THIS WEEK. ONE NEW ONE ON THE OUTLET TO LOVEJOY POND. BEAVER BUILT THE DAM RIGHT AGAINST THE SCREEN SO I COULDN'T BLOW THE DAM OUT BUT HAD TO DIG IT OUT BY HAND.

WARDEN WALTER HARRIS, AUGUSTA: CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY ON ALL LAKES AND PONDS WHICH I HAVE CHECKED THIS MONTH. MOST COTTAGES ARE IN USE WITH NONRESIDENTS HERE. REPORTS OF GOOD FISHING ON MARANACOOK LAKE.

WARDEN ORAL D. PAGE, BELGRADE: A WOODCOCK WITH FOUR YOUNG WAS SEEN LAST WEEK. THE MOTHER AND TWO YOUNGSTERS FLEW UP ABOUT 10 FEET IN FRONT OF ME, BUT THE OTHER TWO DIDN'T FLY UNTIL I WAS WITHIN FOUR FEET OF THEM. A FEW MINUTES LATER A PARTRIDGE FLUTTERED ABOUT TRYING TO DISTRACT ME FROM HER BROOD -- NEVER DID SEE ANY OF THE CHICKS.

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: DEER ARE NOT SHOWING UP VERY WELL YET. NOT MANY FISHERMEN OUT.

SUPERVISOR ROGERS, JUNE 27:

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: BASS FISHING IN DAMARISCOTTA LAKE IS FAIR AND THEY ARE RUNNING SMALL. BROOKS ARE ALL VERY LOW.

WARDEN MELL RANDALL, LIVERMORE: WHITE PERCH FISHERMEN ARE ACTIVE AT ANDROSCOGGIN LAKE AND SOME GOOD CATCHES HAVE BEEN TAKEN. BARTLETT POND IS PRODUCING TROUT FISHING TO EVENING PLUG FISHERMEN. CROP DAMAGE COMPLAINTS ARE ON THE INCREASE WITH UNFENCED ORCHARDS AND PLANTINGS HARD HIT.

WARDEN ORAL D. PAGE, BELGRADE: RECEIVING COMPLAINTS OF DOGS CHASING DEER, ALSO BEAGLES CHASING RABBITS IN CLOSED SEASON. SALMON FISHING AT MESSALONSKEE LAKE IS POOR SO FAR, BUT BASS FISHERMEN ARE DOING WELL. HERBERT PEACE OF NORRIDGEWOCK CAUGHT A 6 LB. 4 OZ. BASS AT NORTH POND. WARDEN HAROLD TUKEY, BELGRADE LAKES: SALMON, TROUT, AND BASS FISHERMEN ARE ALL DOING WELL ON GREAT POND IN THE BELGRADE CHAIN. LONG POND HAS BEEN SLOW EXCEPT FOR TROUT FISHING AND BROOKS HAVE BEEN SLOW GENERALLY. BEAVER BROOK IN ROME HAS BEEN VERY GOOD FOR STOCKED TROUT.

WARDEN WILLIAM GORDON, NORTH EDGECOMB: MORE THAN THE USUAL NUMBER OF ORPHANED GAME BIRDS HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO ME THIS SUMMER INCLUDING BLACK DUCK, WOODCOCK AND PHEASANT. THE MOTHERS OF THESE SPECIES HAD BEEN KILLED BY CARS WHICH SHOWS THAT AUTOMOBILES TAKE A HEAVY TOLL BESIDES PREDATORS ON OUR GAME BIRDS AND ANIMALS.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR LLOYD CLARK, DIV. D. MILLTOWN, JUNE 28:

FISHING ACTIVITY HAS SLACKED OFF. BOATING AND VACATIONING IS ON THE INCREASE. GOOD SIZE PARTRIDGE BROODS ARE BEING REPORTED. WATER IS VERY LOW IN ALL SECTIONS. BEAVER ARE REAL ACTIVE FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR.

WARDEN DUANE LEWIS, WAITE: BASS FISHING SLOW IN THE BIG LAKE AREA. WARDEN COLIN FEENEY, MACHIAS: NEW BULLDOZED ROADS ARE OPENING UP THE LAST OF THIS DISTRICT. THE FIRST CASE BY THE NEW DISTRICT COURT IN MACHIAS WAS TAKEN IN BY WARDEN FEENEY. A FISHERMAN WITH 20 TROUT OVER HIS LIMIT AND FIVE OF THEM LESS THAN SIX INCHES IN LENGTH.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JOHN F. SHAW, DIV. E, WILTON, JULY 4:

INSPECTOR MICKEY NOBLE, DIXFIELD: I NOTICED A LOT OF BEAR SIGN RECENTLY ON THE SAVAGE CUT-OFF IN THE UPPER CUPSUPTIC REGION.

WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: SUMMER BOATING SEASON IS NOW HERE. MORE PEOPLE NOW OPERATING SAILBOATS AND JUST BOATING THAN FISHING. CAMPGROUNDS WERE FULL OVER THE JULY 4 WEEK END. A LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND. JULY 5 I WATCHED A CANOE FISHING ON REDDINGTON POND, AND PROMPTLY AT SUNSET, A SINGLE WHITE LIGHT WAS DISPLAYED. BOAT LAW IS APPARENTLY CATCHING ON.

WARDEN MARTIN SAVAGE, OQUOSSOC: SEVERAL BEAR WERE SEEN THE PAST WEEK. THREE WERE SHOT AT ONE WOODS CAMP, ALL GOOD SIZED. FISHING ON MOOSELOOK SLOWING DOWN BUT STILL A FEW GOOD CATCHES ON JULY 4.

WARDEN WARREN ADAMS, DIXFIELD: VERY QUIET FISHING. A LOT OF PEOPLE AT CAMPS WITH MUCH BOATING AND WATER SKIING. CROP DAMAGE IS STARTING.

WARDEN ALDEN KENNETT, BETHEL: CROP DAMAGE, ROAD KILLS, AND BOATING ARE ALL ON THE INCREASE IN THIS AREA. BASS FISHING ISN'T GOOD YET. I WATCHED A BASS CHARGE SOME SUNFISH NEAR THEIR NESTS STANDING GROUND BUT THE BASS WAS UNABLE TO MAKE CONNECTIONS. I THREW HIM A WATER-SOAKED ALDER CONE FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY BOAT AND HE GRABBED IT AND SPIT IT OUT TWICE BEFORE IT HIT THE BOTTOM IN ABOUT FOUR FEET OF WATER.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WENDELL BROWN, DIV. F, DOVER-FOXCROFT, JUNE 30:

FISHING ACTIVITY IS AT A LOW EBB. HIGH WINDS AND LOW WATER ARE BOTHERING EVERYONE AFIELD. DEER AND MOOSE ARE SHOWING UP WELL THIS MONTH. SEVERAL BROODS OF GROUSE HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

A FAIR NUMBER OF RINGNECKS AND WHISTLERS ARE NESTING IN THE BRANCH PONDS IN T.A, R.12. SIX CALF MOOSE HAVE BEEN SEEN IN THE AREA AND MORE DEER THAN USUAL ARE BEING REPORTED.

MY, MY! HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED! JUNE 28, AT NEWPORT: CANOE RACE -- SEVEN MILES -- FIRST PRIZE -- \$100.00 -- WON BY TWO YOUNG MEN WHO WORK IN THE SHOE FACTORY. THE ONLY OUTDOORSMEN PARTICIPATING WERE TWO INDIANS FROM OLD TOWN -- FOURTH PLACE.

FROM SUPERVISOR BROWN, JULY 6:

FOR A HOLIDAY WEEK END FISHING ACTIVITY HIT A NEW LOW. THE MOST ACTIVITY WAS AT LAKE WASSOOKEAG WHERE A FISHING DERBY WAS IN PROGRESS. FORTY-ONE TROGUE WERE CAUGHT, THE LARGEST WEIGHING  $5\frac{1}{4}$  POUNDS.

ECHO LAKE IN DEXTER, A RECLAIMED TROUT POND, HAS PRODUCED MORE THAN 200 TROUT OVER TWO POUNDS, AND A FEW TIPPED THE SCALES AT FOUR POUNDS OR BETTER.

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A NONRESIDENT FISHERMAN AT ECHO LAKE WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH THE SUNFISH -- KEEPING HIS HOOK CLEANED OFF. A KIND HEARTED RESIDENT SHOWED HIM THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS AND GAVE HIM THREE LARGE NIGHT CRAWLERS. MR. NONRESIDENT TOSSED THE LOT INTO THE WATER -- AND PRONTO! HE WAS IN BUSINESS. ONE HALF HOUR LATER HE WAS WALKING OFF WITH A 3-LB. 12 OZ. SQUARETAIL. THE RESIDENT WALKED AWAY, SHAKING HIS HEAD.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, DIV. G, LINCOLN CENTER, JULY 6:

ACTIVITY IN THE FIELD WAS LIGHTER IN THIS DIVISION THAN IT HAS BEEN ON MOST JULY 4 HOLIDAYS.

DEER ARE SHOWING UP FAIRLY WELL IN MOST OF THE DIVISION AND WE HAVE HAD MORE COMPLAINTS OF ILLEGAL HUNTING THAN WE USUALLY GET THIS EARLY IN THE SEASON. PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CHECKED TOTING GUNS ARE "BEAR HUNTING."

PARTRIDGE ARE QUITE PLENTIFUL. WE SHOULD HAVE AN EXCELLENT HUNTING SEASON.

FISHING HAS SLOWED DOWN SOMEWHAT ON THE TROUT AND SALMON WATERS, BUT THE BASS AND PERCH FISHING REMAINS GOOD IN EARLY MORNING AND EVENINGS. BEATING VIOLATIONS HAVE NOT BECOME A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THIS DIVISION AS YET.

BROOKS AND STREAMS ARE GETTING DANGEROUSLY LOW THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION. GROUSE ARE SHOWING UP WELL IN ALL THE DISTRICTS. MOST FLOCKS APPEAR TO BE GOOD SIZED AND THE YOUNG ABLE TO FLY WELL.

WE ARE BEGINNING TO GET REPORTS OF ILLEGAL HUNTING.

BEAR HUNTING OVER BAITS IS JUST ABOUT OVER AS THE BAITS DETERIORATE QUICKLY IN THE HOT WEATHER. SUCCESS WAS VERY GOOD THIS SPRING IN MOST OF THE CAMPS.

FISHING ACTIVITY HAS FALLEN OFF IN MANY AREAS, BUT THERE IS STILL SOME INTEREST ON THE WARM-WATER PONDS.

MOOSE ARE STILL SHOWING UP VERY WELL IN MOST OF THE DIVISION.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR W. L. ATKINS, DIV. H, PRESQUE ISLE, JULY 1:

WARDEN JOE CARON, FORT FAIRFIELD: CONDUCTED ANNUAL DUCK-NESTING SURVEY WITH BIOLOGIST HOWARD MENDALL THIS WEEK AND FOUND POPULATIONS WAY DOWN FROM PAST YEARS -- ONLY 30% OF LAST YEARS SURVEY AND THESE WERE ALL RING-NECKS.

HEAVY WINDS ARE KEEPING FISHERMEN OFF THE LARGER LAKES AND PONDS. WATER LEVELS ARE DROPPING DAILY AND FISHING IS DOING THE SAME. MONSON POND YIELDED THE LARGEST FISH THIS WEEK SINCE IT WAS RECLAIMED -- STORIES HAVE IT ABOUT 5 LBS.

BEAVER NOT AS BAD AS LAST YEAR BUT EXPECT MANY COMPLAINTS IF WE SHOULD GET A FAIRLY GOOD AMOUNT OF RAIN.

HAD TWO MORE CARIBOU SIGHTINGS IN THE DISTRICT THIS WEEK -- ONE IN PRESQUE ISLE AND ONE IN FORT FAIRFIELD. BELIEVED TO BE THE SAME ANIMAL HEADING EAST. REPORTED AS HAVING SPIKE ANTLERS.

MOOSE ARE APPEARING SO FREQUENTLY IT'S ONLY REPORTED AS CASUAL CONVERSATION -- MUCH AS DEER ARE.

WARDEN MAURICE GORDON, MASARDIS: FISHING ACTIVITY THIS SPRING HAS BEEN VERY LIGHT, PARTICULARLY ON THE STREAMS AND RIVERS. IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT LATELY TO FIND ANY AMOUNT OF FISHERMEN. PARTRIDGE ARE SHOWING UP BETTER NOW THAT THE HATCH IS ABOUT OVER.

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WARDEN IVAN PORTER, ASHLAND: WATER LEVEL IN THE BROOKS AND STREAMS IS VERY LOW, ABOUT LIKE LATE JULY OR AUGUST. HAVE BEEN SEEING A LOT OF FAWN SIGN ALONG THE WATERWAYS.

WARDEN RUSSELL COOK, HOULTON: UPON INVESTIGATING A REPORT OF DEAD FISH, I FOUND WHERE A FARM SPRAYER HAD BEEN FILLING UP. BELOW THAT POINT FOR SEVERAL MILES THERE WERE DEAD TROUT PLUS EELS AND TRASH FISH AND NO SIGNS OF ANY LIVING FISH. THIS IS A STREAM WHICH IS USED AS A PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY FOR THE TOWN OF HOULTON.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON, DIV. J, BINGHAM, JULY 1:

WARDEN GEORGE EDWARDS, PITTSTON FARM: BROOKS AND STREAMS ARE GETTING VERY LOW. FISHING AND FISHING PRESSURE ARE DROPPING OFF. DEER ARE SHOWING UP VERY WELL, BUT I AM NOT SEEING MANY PARTRIDGE.

WARDEN NORMAN HARRIMAN, ROCKWOOD: IT WAS MY FIRST EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH SKIN DIVERS IN LOCATING DROWNING VICTIMS THIS PAST WEEK AT MOOSEHEAD LAKE. I THINK THEY DID AN EXCELLENT JOB AND DESERVE A LOT OF CREDIT. I KNOW THEY CUT DOWN THE RECOVERY TIME.

(SUPERVISOR'S NOTE: THE SKIN DIVERS MENTIONED THE GOOD BOAT WORK BY HARRIMAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WARDEN SERVICE.)

SUPERVISOR BARRON, JULY 8:

WARDEN GEORGE EDWARDS, PITTSTON FARMS: FISHING HAS BEEN POOR RECENTLY IN THIS DISTRICT, 1.5 FISH PER FISHERMAN CHECKED. WEATHER AND BUGS HAVE SLOWED DOWN ACTIVITY. HEAVY SHOWERS AND WINDS HAVE KEPT THE WATER ROILED UP, AND FISHERMEN ARE JUST SKIPPING FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER. BLACK FLIES AND MOSQUITOES ARE MURDEROUS. PARTRIDGE ARE JUST STARTING TO SHOW UP AND I HAVE JUMPED A NUMBER OF WOODCOCK WHILE WORKING THE SMALL BROOKS. IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF BEAR.

WARDEN NORMAN HARRIMAN, ROCKWOOD: FISHING REMAINS SLOW, AND MOST FISH ARE SMALL. FOREST TREWORGY OF MILO TOLD THE FOLLOWING STORY AFTER A FISHING JAUNT TO HARDCRABBLE POINT, MOOSEHEAD LAKE. AFTER CATCHING A TWO POUND TOGUE, HE CONTINUED TO TROLL, AND GOT WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS ANOTHER BITE. FOLLOWING A BIT OF PLAY HE WOUND UP A BEER CAN. HE KNOWS THE CAN BIT, AS THE HOOK AND BAIT HAD BOTH ENTERED THE SMALL OPENING AND THE HOOK HAD CAUGHT ON THE LIP OF THE CAN!

SUPERVISOR BARRON: FISHING GENERALLY IS POOR; EVEN FLY FISHING FOR TROUT ON THE SMALLER PONDS IS SLOW. THE BRIGHT SPOT IN THE PICTURE IS THAT THE DEEP TROLLERS HAVE HAD GOOD TOGUE FISHING. WE NOW HAVE A GREAT MANY VACATIONING PARTIES IN THE AREA, AND THEY ARE NOT SERIOUS FISHERMEN. CROP DAMAGE COMPLAINTS ARE PICKING UP IN THE LOWER PART OF THE DIVISION. BOATING COMPLAINTS ARE INCREASING AND MANY CONSTITUTE COURT CASES. BUZZING SWIMMERS WITH MOTOR BOATS BRING MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS.